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Areas of Practice

Corporate Law | Corporate Governance | Mergers and Acquisitions | Private Equity and Venture Capital

Bob McWilliams is Of Counsel in the Corporate Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. Mr. McWilliams was a Partner at Freeborn & Peters, which combined with SGR in 2023.

With more than 30 years of corporate, transactional and securities law experience, Mr. McWilliams delivers both legal and practical business advice to the Firm's clients. He represents both public and private companies and has extensive mergers and acquisitions (M&A) experience. He also regularly counsels clients on corporate governance and other corporate legal affairs.

As an M&A lawyer, Mr. McWilliams has worked on numerous transactions advising buyers and sellers, large companies and small, public and private, across a range of industries. Notable in his transactional practice is his long-standing representation of an industry-leading aviation services company for which he has provided counseling on more than 25 transactions across the country and an international paper and plastics packaging company.

Mr. McWilliams is an Adjunct Professor at John Marshall Law School Business Law Clinic. Mr. McWilliams received his B.S., with distinction, from Indiana University, where he was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Society. He earned his M.B.A. from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Illinois College of Law.

Admissions

Illinois

Continued

Representative Experience

- Numerous add-on acquisitions of manufacturing facilities for an international paper and plastics packaging company.
- Represented a multi-national, family owned food company with respect to company-wide organizational restructuring allowing for greater operational efficiencies, enhanced strategic partnering, financing flexibility, estate planning and ownership transfers.
- Numerous add-on acquisitions of airport-based aircraft service companies throughout the United States for an Orlando, Florida-based fixed-base operator.

Recognitions

Illinois Leading Lawyers - 2020 (cited in multiple years)